

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 15th February, 2024

*The Assembly met at the
Main Chambers, at 2:30 p.m.*

[Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Statements.

STATEMENTS

RECENT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MCA Mohamed Aboud Abubakar (Faza): Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

Mr Speaker Sir, I rise to seek a statement pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(c) from the chairperson of the departmental committee on Education, Culture and Social Welfare on matters relating to the recent public participation in the County.

Mr Speaker Sir, Citizen Participation is anchored in the County Government Act 2012 section 87 and provide general principles of citizen participation in Counties.

Citizen participation on 2024-2025-County Fiscal Strategy Paper and

Intergovernmental transfer agreement were conducted in four major places namely; Faza, Mkokoni, Lamu and Bahari.

Mr Speaker Sir, the law provides that, the participation forum meetings shall be open to all members of the public.

Mr Speaker Sir, the Act states that, the convener of the forum must ensure that the forum is fully publicized to enable attendance and participation of a wide section of the population, including persons living with disabilities, marginalized groups and communities.

Mr Speaker Sir, what was done just purported to look like the citizen participation but failed to meet the targets and objectives of the citizen participation in decision making and per the law. Please let it be noted that Faza town is a section of Faza ward and Lamu town is a section of Mkomani, this was intent to leave out many people in the sharing of ideas and participation in governance.

Mr Speaker Sir, I seek a Statement from the Chair of the Departmental Committee on Education, Culture and Social Welfare on the following:

1. What plan are in place to reach a wide variety of the public in the County?
2. What were the efforts in place to ensure people from other villages attended the said citizen participation?
3. What are the future plans to eradicate all the loop halls leading to failure to achieve the planned goals of citizen participation in the County?

Thank You.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Any additional on that statement?

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated) : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to add that when this public participation is done, it is important to involve the stakeholders and also people living with disability.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Response from the Chair, Vice Chair or any other member from the Departmental Committee on Education, Culture and Social Welfare.

MCA John Mburu Gitonga (Hongwe): Asante Bwana Spika, ningependa nipewe muda wa wiki mbili ili tuweze kuleta majibu sahihi.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable Mohamed Aboud are you satisfied with that response?

MCA Mohamed Aboud Abubakar (Faza): Yes, I am satisfied.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Statement.

FAZA SOCIAL HALL

MCA Bwana Mohamed Bwana (Majority Leader): Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

Mr Speaker Sir, I rise to seek a statement pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(c) from the chairperson of the departmental committee on Education, Culture and Social Welfare on matters relating to the Faza Social Hall.

Mr Speaker Sir, a statement was raised by MCA Mohamed Aboud in a plenary session held on 25th October, 2023 on the same hall.

Mr Speaker Sir, the key information by that time from the response of the CECM-Education is that the contractor is yet to hand over and this was in line with Mtangawanda, Shanga and Patte Social Halls. Unfortunately, Faza hall status is yet to be clear and handed over to the people of Faza.

Mr Speaker Sir, I seek a Statement from the Chair of the Departmental Committee on Education, Culture and Social Welfare on the following:

1. Why is the hall yet to be given to the people of Faza?
2. When will this happen?
3. What hinders the process of handing over the said Social hall to the community?

Thank You.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Any additional on that statement? If there isn't can we get the response from the Chair, Vice Chair or any other member from the Departmental Committee on Education, Culture and Social Welfare.

MCA John Mburu Gitonga (Hongwe): Asante Bwana Spika, ningependa nipewe muda wa wiki moja ili tuweze kuleta majibu sahihi.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable Majority Leader are you satisfied with that response?

MCA Bwana Mohamed Bwana (Majority Leader): Yes, I am satisfied. Mr Speaker please allow me to rise another statement.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Yes, go on.

MTANGAWANDA STALLED MARKET IN FAZA WARD

MCA Bwana Mohamed Bwana (Majority Leader): Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

Mr Speaker, I rise to seek a statement pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(c) from the chairperson of the departmental committee on Trade, Tourism, Information and Cooperatives on matters relating to Mtangawanda stalled market in Faza Ward.

Mr Speaker Sir, I appreciate that the County Government of Lamu has established a market structure at Mtangawanda and this was as a result of a long quest made by the public in Faza Ward.

Mr Speaker Sir, we are all aware of the advantages of a market in a ward but to my surprise, the project has stalled.

Mr Speaker Sir, following my observation on the matter, I found out that the company which was given the bid was stopped from completing the market, thus stalling it's completion.

Mr Speaker Sir, I seek a Statement from the Chair of the Departmental Committee on Trade, Tourism, Information and Cooperatives on the following:

1. What is happening on the said project?
2. Why was the project stalled?
3. Who was the initial bidder?
4. Why was it taken from them?
5. When will the project be completed?

Thank You.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Any additional on that statement? If there is no addition can we get the response from the Chair, Vice Chair or any other member from the Departmental Committee on Education, Culture and Social Welfare.

MCA Rebecca Wainaina (Nominated): Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, I would like us to be given a period of two weeks so that we can bring the answers to those questions to the House.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable Majority Leader are you satisfied with that response?

MCA Bwana Mohamed Bwana (Majority Leader): Mr Speaker Sir, please let us be realistic because 2 weeks has become a norm of this House and then there are no answers, if it is 2 weeks kindly let's us stick to them.

MCA Rebecca Wainaina (Nominated): Noted.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Statement.

WARD ADMINISTRATOR – SHELLA WARD

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. Mr Speaker Sir, on behalf of MCA Atwaa Salim Mohamed, I rise to seek a statement pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(c) from the chairperson of the departmental committee on the Intergovernmental, Labour and Public Service on matters of the Ward Administrator – Shella Ward.

Mr Speaker Sir, the County Government Act 2012 Section 51 establishes office of Ward Administrator in each ward. The Administrator shall be completely appointed by the County Public Service Board in accordance with the provisions of the Act section 51(3)(a-g) states the functions of the said office and among them is to coordinate, manage and supervise the general administrative functions in the ward unit.

Mr Speaker Sir, Shella ward is missing the said office for almost four years now. Taking in consideration on the functions of the said office, a big gap and weakness has been created by the County Government of Lamu towards access to information, citizen participation and development of county plans and policies among others.

Mr Speaker Sir, I seek a Statement from the Chair of the Departmental Committee on the Intergovernmental, Labour and Public Service on the following:

1. When will Shella Ward have the Ward Administrator's office?
2. Why was there no such office in the Ward for the long period?
3. Who is acting for the said office?
4. Where can we allocate the said office in the Ward?

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Any additional on that statement? If there is no addition can we get the response from the Chair, Vice Chair or any other member from the Departmental Committee on the Intergovernmental, Labour and Public Service.

MCA Rebecca John Mburu Gitonga (Hongwe): Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, I would like us to be given a period of two weeks so that we can bring the answers to those questions to the House.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable Beatrice are you satisfied with that response?

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Yes, I am satisfied Mr Speaker.

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honorable members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until next week on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 3:45 p.m.